not associated with the negotiations of Multilateral Agreement on Investment being finalised in that Organisation. Any MAI which may be agreed upon by OECD countries, is not binding on India.

*[Translation]*

**Law Courses**

514. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have envisaged any plan to bring qualitative improvement in the law courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a high level institute for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). The Bar Council of India has organised a consultative meeting of State Bar Councils, Universities, University Grants Commission and State Governments etc. in association with the National Law School of India University at Bangalore during 12-14 October, 1996 to ascertain their views to effect qualitative changes in the legal education.

(c) and (d). No, Sir.

**Closure of Coal Mines**

515. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the names and the number of coal mines under all the subsidiary units of the Coal India Limited which were closed down after the nationalisation of the coal industry;

(b) the reasons and dates of their closure;

(c) whether any of these coal mines have since been reopened;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the coal mines which are proposed to be reopened in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c). At different points of time since nationalisation. 125 coal mines were closed in various subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL). The details of the closed mines alongwith the reasons for closure are given in the statement.

Since these mines were closed on account of exhaustion of extractable reserves in the working seams and non-viable stripping ratio in case of the opencast mines and safety reasons. none of the 125 closed mines could be opened so far.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to parts (a) to (c) of the question.

(e) CIL does not have any proposal for reopening of any of these closed mines.

**STATEMENT**

*Coal Mines closed since Nationalisation*

| S.No. | Name of Mine | Year of closure | Reasons of Closure |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| *EASTERN COALFIELDS LTD.* | | | |
| 1. | Sanctoria | 76-77 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 2. | East Jamehari | 76-77 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 3. | Ratibati 5&6 | 78-79 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 4. | KLS Chalbalpur | 81-82 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 5. | Chalbalpur Khas | 80-81 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 6. | New Jameharikas | 79-80 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 7. | Pure Searsole | 78-79 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 8. | Damoda | 83-84 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 9. | Seetaldasji | 79-80 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 10. | Belrui disergarh | 75-76 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 11. | North Brock | 82-83 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 12. | Gogla/Adjoy Bank | 79-80 | Exhaustion of Reserve |
| 13. | Manderboni 1, 2 & 4 | 75-76 & 92-93 | Exhaustion of Reserve |